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Att: Commissioners

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

I am writing this to ask the commission not to approve the large rate hike requested by South Carollina Electric & Gas. While most businesses want to increase their income and grow, SCE&G operates as a monopoly that can increase income by simply requesting a rate hike to be passed on to its customers. This large increase, even though spread over a length of time, will place undue financial burdens on customers. I am retired on a fixed income, which hasn't increased this year, and I have to live within that income. I am requesting that SCE&G do the same for the time being. Therefore I am opposed to the rate increase and ask the commissioners to take a similar position and deny the request. Thank you.

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